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Kenneth Boyd

EDUCATION

PhD Philosophy, University of Toronto, 2014

Dissertation: Epistemically Responsible Action

Committee: Jennifer Nagel (supervisor), Jonathan Weisberg, Andrew Sepielli, Nate Charlow,

Jessica Brown

MA Philosophy, University of Alberta, 2007

Thesis: Luck and its Effects on Knowledge

BA Philosophy and Psychology, University of Toronto, 2005

EMPLOYMENT

Digital Media Literacy Project Manager, CIVIX 2021-present

> Developed research program in discourse and digital literacy as part of a major government grant

- Tracked and summarized research related to digital media literacy, disinformation, and digital threats to democracy in Canada and worldwide, and presented research results in ways that are easy to understand
- Developed curricula and resources for the CTRL-F program a digital media literacy skills program aimed at students at the elementary and high school level - and conducted workshops and training for teachers
- Wrote and published articles about the CTRL-F program, and organized and presented research results at local and international conferences
- Contributed to creation and management of grants valued at over one million dollars

Ethics in the News Analyst, The Prindle Post

- With thousands of monthly visitors, The Prindle Post is a digital journal that aims to explain underlying ethical issues in the news and popular culture.
- Written over 80 articles on philosophical issues of contemporary interest (including echo chambers, the spread of misinformation online, communicating effectively with those whom we disagree, and others).
- Collaborated with other authors to produce longer discussion pieces on issues pertaining to duties of being a democratic citizen, and environmental policy.

2019-2021 Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Southern Denmark, Department of Philosophy Project: Scientific Testimony in a Diverse Society

- Planned and organized sessions at the Danish Philosophical Society annual meeting, a national academic conference with hundreds of participants.
- Coordinated speaker series for students and the general public, bringing in speakers from Germany, The Netherlands, United States, and United Kingdom.
- Presented on research at conferences locally and internationally
- Assisted in the creation and editing of grant proposals

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2017-present

- 2016-2019 Lecturer, University of Toronto at Scarborough, Department of Philosophy
 - Taught and designed multiple sections of seven unique courses in the philosophy department ranging from small seminars to large classes of over 80 students.
 - Developed a comprehensive training program for undergraduate teaching assistants as part of The Socrates Project, a senior seminar in which students learned to conduct tutorial sessions, write a year-long major research paper, and learn professional development skills; supervised students writing major research papers; mentored students in their professional development, with many successfully achieving their goals of pursuing graduate studies, and one winning a major prize for undergraduate research.
- 2014-2016 Assistant Professor-Limited Term, Dalhousie University, Department of Philosophy
 - Designed and taught multiple sections of five unique courses in the philosophy
 department for undergraduate and graduate students in small seminar and large lecture
 settings.
 - Trained students to become effective teaching assistants.
 - Served on admission and disciplinary committees.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

2022	"Trusting Scientific Experts in an Online World." Synthese.
2022	"Christine Ladd-Franklin on the Nature and Unity of the Proposition." British Journal for the History of Philosophy.
2022	"Group Epistemology and Structural Factors in Online Group Polarization." Episteme.
2021	"Pragmatic Encroachment and Political Ignorance." In Hannon, Michael and Jeroen de Ridder (eds.). Routledge Handbook of Political Epistemology.
2021	"Beyond Politics: Additional Factors Underlying Skepticism of the COVID-19 Vaccine." History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences.
2021	"Group Understanding." Synthese 198(7): 6837-6858.
2020	"Environmental Luck and the Structure of Understanding." Episteme 17(1): 73-87.
2020	"Moral Understanding and Cooperative Testimony." Canadian Journal of Philosophy 50(1): 18-33.
2019	"Developing a Model of Groupstrapping: A Response to Baumgaertner and Nguyen." Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective 8 (8): 32-39.
2018	"Epistemically Pernicious Groups and the Groupstrapping Problem." Social Epistemology 33(1): 61-73.
2017	"Peirce on Intuition, Instinct, and Common Sense." Co-authored with Diana Heney. European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy (IX-2): 1-25.

2017	"Testifying Understanding." Episteme 14(1): 103-127.
2017	"Rascals, Triflers, and Pragmatists: Developing a Peircean Account of Assertion." Coauthored with Diana Heney. British Journal for the History of Philosophy 25(2): 287-308.
2016	"Pragmatic Encroachment and Epistemically Responsible Action." Synthese 193(9): 2721-2745.
2016	"Peirce on Speech Acts and Taking Responsibility." Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society 52(1): 21-46.
2015	"Assertion, Practical Reasoning, and Epistemic Separabilism." Philosophical Studies 172(7): 1907-1927.
2014	"The Reliability of Epistemic Intuitions." Co-authored with Jennifer Nagel. In Machery, Edouard (ed.). Current Controversies in Experimental Philosophy. Routledge: 109-127.
2012	"Levi's Challenge and Peirce's Theory/Practice Distinction." Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society 48(1): 51-70.

Book Reviews

2021 "Would We Lie to You? Review of The Epistemology of Groups." Metascience.

2011 "Review of Knowledge in an Uncertain World." Analysis 71(1): 189-191.

Public Philosophy

2021 "The antidote to fake news is to nourish our epistemic wellbeing." Psyche.

2020 "Dangerous Beliefs". Institute for Art and Ideas.

2018-present Over 80 short articles on ethical and epistemic issues in the news. Prindle Post.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Papers Presented

2022	"Testimonial Epistemic Rights in Online Spaces." Social Minds in Digital Spaces. University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas. October 7-9, 2022.
2021	"I'm Not Actually Perfectly Delighted To See You: Peirce On Shared Responsibility For Assertion." 9th Annual Conference of the Society for the Study of the History of Analytic Philosophy. Online. July 14-16, 2021.
2021	"Group Testimony in Online and Offline Environments." Trust in Expertise in a Changing Media Landscape. Online. March 18-19, 2021.
2020	"Endorsement as Online Group Assertion." Social (Distance) Epistemology Series. Online. May 8, 2020.

"The Limits of Testimony." Danish Philosophical Society. Odense, Denmark, March 6-7, 2020 2020. 2020 "Deliberation and Polarization in Anonymous and Pseudonymous Groups." LanCog Workshop on Group Epistemology. Lisbon, Portugal, February 21, 2020. "Groups as experts: Modeling belief formation in anti-consensus groups." Post-Truth: 2020 Perspectives, Strategies, Prospects. Leuven, Belgium, January 16-17, 2020. "Scientific Testimony and the Politicization of Expertise." Second Annual Political 2019 Epistemology Conference. Amsterdam, Netherlands, December 13-14, 2019. 2019 "Group Testimony and Group Polarization". Workshop on Polarization, Knowledge, and Rationality. Copenhagen, Denmark, December 12-13, 2019. 2019 "Christine Ladd-Franklin and the Pragmatist Conception of the Proposition." Tilburg-Groningen Workshop on Women in the History of Analytic Philosophy. Tilburg, Netherlands, October 27, 2019. "I Am Not Actually Perfectly Delighted To See You: Peirce On Assertion And Shared 2019 Responsibility." Workshop: Assertion and Proof. Lecce, Italy, September 12-14. "Deference and Cooperative Testimony." American Philosophical Association, Pacific 2019 Division, Symposium Session. Vancouver, BC, April 17-20. 2019 "Gettier and Metaphilosophy: Intuitions and Empirical Approaches in Epistemology." American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division AAPT/APA Teaching Hub. New York, January 7-10. "Moral Knowledge and the Limits of Testimony." Canadian Philosophical Association 2018 Meeting. Montreal, June 4-7. 2017 "Figure It Out For Yourself: Moral Knowledge and the Limits of Testimony." Young Philosophers Lecture Series, Prindle Institute for Ethics. DePauw University, Greencastle, IN. September 13-15. 2017 "How Can I Convince You That You Should Care About Other People?" Young Philosophers Lecture Series, Prindle Institute for Ethics. DePauw University, Greencastle, IN. September 13-15. 2017 "Groupstrapping." Network on Epistemology and Society/Social Epistemology Research Group. La Cristalera, Spain. August 28-September 1. "Peirce on Intuition, Instinct, and Common Sense." Canadian Philosophical Association 2017 Meeting. Toronto, ON, May 28-31. 2017 "The Other Value Problem for Knowledge." American Philosophical Association, Central Division. Kansas City, MO, March 1-4. 2017 "Peirce, Ladd-Franklin, and the Development of the Proposition." American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division. Baltimore, MD, January 4-7. 2016 "Rascals, Triflers, and Scientists: C.S. Peirce and the Centrality of Assertion." American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division. Washington, D.C. January 6-9. "Know-How and Self-Certification." Canadian Society for Epistemology, Montreal, QC. 2015 November 6-7. 2015 "Easy Understanding and Epistemic Value." Atlantic Region Philosopher's Association St. Thomas University, Fredericton, NB. October 30-31.

2015	"Testifying Understanding." Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association. Coventry, United Kingdom. July 10-12.
2015	"Saying as Doing: Toward a Pragmatist View of Speech Acts." American Philosophical Association, Central Division. St. Louis, MO. February 18-21.
2014	"Peirce on Illocutionary Acts, Assertion, and Commitments." Charles S. Peirce International Centennial Congress. Lowell, MA. July 16-19.
2014	"Counterexamples and the Asymmetry Problem." Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association. Cambridge, United Kingdom. July 11-13.
2014	"Commonality in Norms of Assertion and Other Speech Acts." Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting. Brock University, St. Catharines, ON. May 27-30.
2014	"Peirce on Speech Acts and Taking Responsibility." Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy, 3 rd Meeting. Montreal, QC. May 23-25.
2012	"A Pragmatic Role for Epistemic Intuitions." Truth, Morality and Democracy: Themes from the Work of Cheryl Misak. University of St. Andrew's, Scotland. December 8-9.
2012	"Epistemic Norms and Excuses." Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting. Waterloo, ON. May 27-30.
2012	"Commonality in Assertion and Practical Reasoning." American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division. Seattle, WA. April 4-7.
2012	"Assertion and Intentional Fouls." American Philosophical Association, Central Division. Chicago, IL. February 15-18.
2011	"Epistemic Norms and Excuses." American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division. Washington, DC. December 27-30.
2011	"P-Dependency and the Normative Significance of Being Gettiered." Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting. Fredericton, NB. May 27-30.
2010	"I'll Bet You Don't Know that P: Extreme Bets and Pragmatic Encroachment." Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting. University of Calgary, Alberta. October 29-31.
2010	"Epistemologists Acting Inappropriately: Demarcating the Knowledge Norm of Practical Reasoning" York University Philosophy Graduate Students Association Conference. York University, Toronto. April 29-30.
2010	"Demarcating the Knowledge Norms." 1st Northwestern/Notre Dame Graduate Epistemology Conference. Northwestern University. April 16-18.
2009	"Reference Change in the Causal Theory: Rethinking the Baptismal Process." Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting. Carleton University, Ottawa. May 27-30.
2008	"Luck, Modality, and Practical Interests." Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting. University of Alberta. October 28-30.

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus

The Socrates Project (Fall 2018/Winter 2019) Introduction to Metaphysics (Winter 2017, Winter 2019) Theory of Knowledge – The Ethics of Belief (Winter 2018) Theories of Mind (Fall 2016, Winter 2018)

Belief, Knowledge and Truth (Winter 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018)

Topics in the Philosophy of Mind – Knowing Minds (Fall 2017)

Topics in Theory of Knowledge – Social Epistemology (Fall 2016)

Dalhousie University

How to Win an Argument (Winter 2015, Winter 2016)

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2014/Winter 2015, Fall 2015/Winter 2016)

The Value of Knowledge (Graduate Seminar) (Fall 2014, Winter 2016)

Epistemology (Fall 2015)

History of Philosophy - The Empiricists (Winter 2015)

University of Toronto, St. George Campus

Knowledge and Reality (Spring 2013)

Modern Symbolic Logic (Spring 2011, Summer 2012)

Athabasca University

Basic Critical Thinking (2007-2008)

Critical Thinking (2007-2008)

ADDITIONAL COURSE DESIGN EXPERIENCE

Clearer Thinking (clearerthinking.org)

Informal Fallacies module (2021)

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2011-2014 University of Toronto at Mississauga Perception Lab

Conducted experiments as part of Jennifer Nagel and Raymond Mar's research project

concerning judgments of Gettier cases.

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

2021	Instructional Design Certificate, University of Maryland
2013	Teaching Fundamentals Certificate, Centre for Teaching Support & Innovation at the University of Toronto

2011 Research Ethics in Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Toronto